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**CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

Applicants: Walker et al.  
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Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING  
CROSS-BENEFITS VIA A CENTRAL AUTHORITY**

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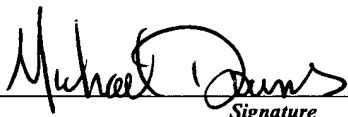
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